

S. 1547
[Sen. Humphrey]

Purpose: To establish a Joint Committee
on National Security

Comment:

A Joint Committee on National Security is established comprised of 25 Members of Congress: the Speaker, the Majority and Minority leaders of both Houses, the Chairmen and ranking members of the Committee on Appropriations, Armed Services, Foreign Relations, and JCAE. The Joint Committee is to make a continuing study of the foreign, domestic, and military policies of the U.S. and is to make a continuing study of the recommendations and activities of the National Security Council relating to such policies. The Joint Committee is also to make continuing study of classifications procedures within Government.

Position:

The Joint Committee would overlap the oversight now performed by several committees in both Houses. This apparent overlap is noted to the Chairman on the Armed Services Committee. The Agency would defer to the National Security Council for specific comments to S. 1547 since the bill deals principally with the NSC and is chaired and directed by the President.

Status:

Committee requested Agency views on 16 April 1973.

Agency reply cleared by OMB on 25 September and report sent to Chairman Stennis.

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